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Tree Lighting

The Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting ceremony will be in the Triangle Park on Tuesday, November 29 at 6 p.m. There will be hot cocoa and Santa letters.

The public is invited to attend.

Mount Vernon

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council was postponed last week and a special called meeting was called for this Tuesday. See next week's issue for details.

Christmas Child

The First Baptist Church will not be a drop-off location for shoe boxes this year.

Bible Baptist Church at 100 Higher Ground (off US-25) in Mount Vernon will be the drop-off location. For more information call Nell McNew at 606-308-5914

COVID Report

There have been 18 new COVID cases reported in the past seven days in Rockcastle County.

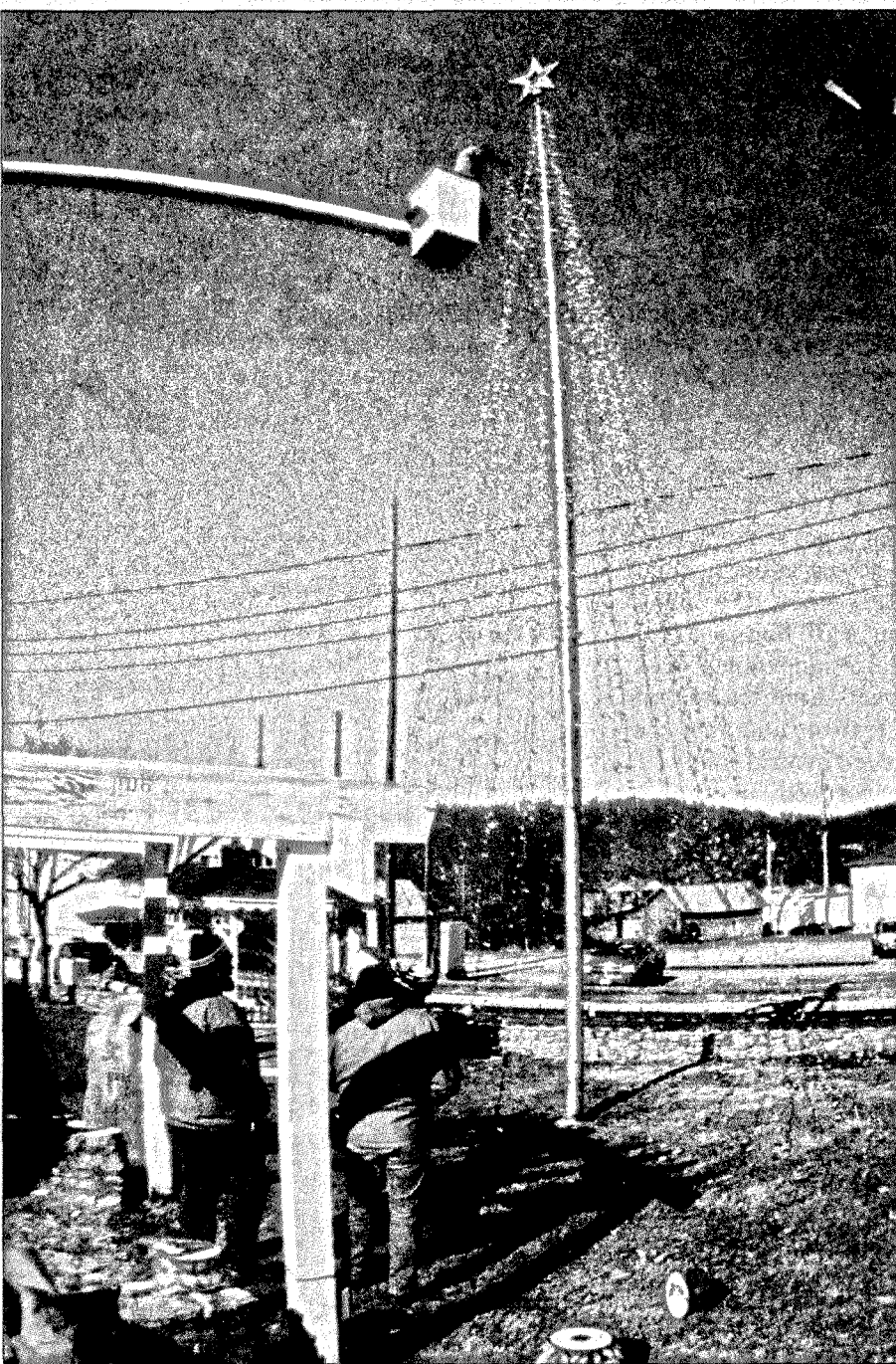
Licenses issued Dec. 2

The Department of Transportation will be in Rockcastle County issuing Driver's License, IDs and Travel IDs on Friday, December 2. There will only be 36 appointments available and walk-ins will not be accepted. The event will be at the Rockcastle Emergency Operations Center at 755 Progress Drive in Mount Vernon. The events is brought to you by Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. To set an appointment go to Drive.ky.gov.

Thanksgiving dinner

A Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Saturday, November 26 at 6 p.m. at VFW Post 5908 at 32 Mount Zion Road in Mount Vernon.

Hung by the chimney with care



Workers with the City of Mount Vernon spent part of their day Monday in Triangle Park hanging lights and decorations in preparation for the Christmas celebrations planned for next week. The annual Tree Lighting will be Tuesday, November 29th at 6 p.m. Noel Night Market will kick off with the annual parade beginning at 4 p.m. and the ice skating rink will be open throughout the evening. Santa will also be in front of Cindy's Place on Main Street. Also on December 3, Brodhead will hold their annual Christmas Parade beginning at 2 p.m. Livingston's annual Christmas parade will be December 17 at 6 p.m. Line up for each parade is one hour before the parade begins. Everyone is encouraged to attend the free events.

King requests recanvass

Recanvass doesn't change vote totals

Livingston Mayor Dwane King filed for an election recanvass in the race for Livingston Mayor last week.

After the recanvass, the results remained the same showing that King lost the race to Mayor-elect Larry Davidson by three votes.

The Livingston race was decided 52.2% to 47.7% for a 4.5% difference with Davidson getting 35 votes and King receiving 32 votes. Candidate Donna Durham received three votes. King made the request just before the deadline requiring Rockcastle County Clerk, Danetta Ford Allen, and the election board, to perform the recanvass last Thursday at 9 a.m. at the courthouse.

The race for Mount Vernon Mayor was closer in votes and in the percentage of votes but no recanvass was requested in that race.

According to Allen, a recanvass is much different than a recount. A recount, according to Kentucky Statute, requires a judge's approval and includes counting each individual vote from each voting machine from the beginning, just as was done on Election Day.

However, a recanvass simply requires the clerk's office to retabulate the totals that were presented from each voting machine to check the math. In a recanvass, individual votes are not recounted. Instead, the total counts from each machine is

retabulated. Allen said in her tenure as clerk, she has never seen a recanvass change the outcome of any of the results of an election.

In a recount, the requesting party must pay all expenses involved to perform the recount but

Stay home when sick

Flu reported in abundance

The flu season has brought about several strains of the flu and, when combined with stomach viruses that have been reported this year

and COVID-19, officials report heavy sickness levels in the population.

Rockcastle County is not immune and heavy sickness has prompted a letter to all parents from

Noel Night Market to be biggest and best celebration yet

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center and the Rockcastle Arts Association will be hosting the Winter Wonderland Stage at the Noel Night Market on Saturday, December 3 in downtown Mount Vernon as the City of Mount Vernon Christmas

celebration begins. Each year the event brings hundreds of residents out to celebrate the Christmas holidays with arts and crafts and booths and vendors of all types and this year's event is expected to be the biggest celebration yet.

First customer now on line

Gas line is on its way to Rockcastle

By: Mike French Editor

"Getting natural gas in Rockcastle County has been a dream of a lot of people, since I have been alive, and it is finally on its way," said Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray. "Projects like this is why I ran for State Representative."

It hasn't been an easy task and there were some unexpected pitfalls along the way but,

thanks to the efforts of Bray, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and the guidance and leadership of Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) Executive Director Jeff VanHook, the pipeline that will eventually make its way to the county is now serving its first customer.

VanHook, and
(See "Tap" on A5)

Five percent raise coming

County commits \$170,000 for raises for all employees

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court voted unanimously, at their regular meeting in November, to provide a 5% raise for all employees of the fiscal court. According to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, the raise in pay did not affect the sheriff's office employees or the county clerk's office but only

workers paid through the county budget payroll.

Holbrook says the sheriff's department and the county clerk's department make their own budget each year and Sheriff Shannon Franklin and County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen make all decisions concerning payroll and benefits. But employees at the jail, emergency management services, the 911 center, the road department, the animal shelter, the custodial staff, the solid waste and fiscal court staff are all included in the 5% raise. In all, about 75 employees.

Workers at the 911 center had been at recent fiscal court meetings pleading for a pay increase but Holbrook had explained that the court could not commit to a raise until the new health insurance premium had been calculated. "We were told the county's share of insurance premi-

(See "Raise" on A5)

Scam season is back

By: Mike French Editor

It's that time of year again. Scams are coming to town.

Each year around the holidays, officials say scams increase. Last year Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin said statistics showed a marked increase in scams and robberies around the Christmas holidays, since would-be thieves are aware that many citizens have homes and cars filled with gifts.

This year has been no different. The Kentucky State

Police are reporting calls regarding scams in the area. One of the many scams operating now involves a caller stating they are a trooper with the Kentucky State Police and there is a civil suit against the resident. The caller demands an immediate payment over the phone to avoid arrest, according to a KSP press release.

Another call appears to target sex offenders, the release says. Callers request money for a DNA test or the resident will face arrest.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Election day was Tuesday, November 8th this year and, as of today, Tuesday, November 22, there are still races undecided in our country.

It amuses me every election when Florida - 7.7 million votes cast - is one of the first states to report their vote total, for all races, in the early hours of election night.

One of the worst offenders is Maricopa County, Arizona where they are still counting votes, but managed to determine last week that Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, whose office is in charge of the election, won her race for governor over Kari Lake (R), who had a double digit lead in the polls going into the election. Of course, they still have 75,000 ballots for which they have no history and their voting machines were not certified but -- nothing to see here folks.

Republicans, as of today, hold 219 house seats with the pick-up of CA 22, a strong Democrat district, by David Valadao. There were only 100,303 votes cast in the race but, you know, they count slow in California so it took until yesterday to call the race.

I have read where several Republican pundits are calling for the party to "fight fire with fire," to make elections fair again. I can't understand that reasoning at all. I don't want to live in a country where elections are determined by which party manages to steal an election the best. It makes no sense.

The Founding Fathers left the process of voting in federal elections up to each state so Trump call-

ing for everyone to vote on paper ballots and cutting out the two month voting process, as Pennsylvania has instituted, sounds good but has no basis in fact.

If states do not care enough about fair elections to tighten up their process making it harder to cheat, then we have a big problem in this country.

I don't think we have a problem in Kentucky but it was disconcerting in 2020 to, at one point, watch vote totals for Matt Bevin go down by 5,000, without any explanation, on CNN election night.

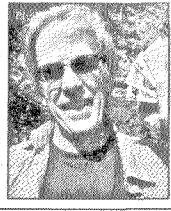
Kentucky's Senator Rand Paul noted recently that "Your government sent 1.1 million dead people stimulus checks. Wonder how many of these folks also voted absentee?"

Our generous pResident Biden is busy again, asking congress for an additional \$38 billion in aid for Ukraine, bringing the total to \$91B thus far. He also pledged \$1B for climate reparations to poor countries, supposedly harmed by our country's fossil fuel use.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Every Thanksgiving and Christmas celebration in my family had a specific family member as host. Easter was at my Aunt Mary Ruth's house. Christmas was at Grandma's house. New Year's was at my Aunt Edna Mae's house. Thanksgiving was my home.

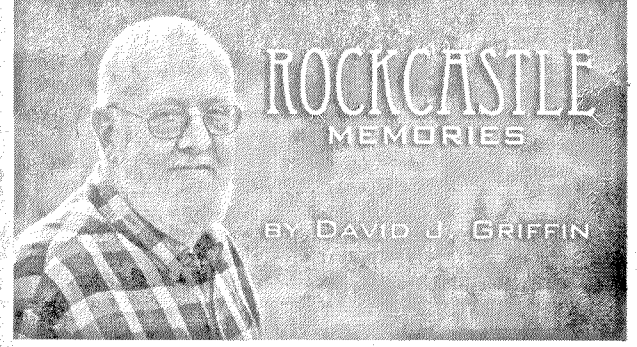
Holidays were treated differently by that generation. They had their own brand new traditions created by that generation alone. They remembered life when it was hard. They knew what it was like to get an Apple and a candy cane for Christmas. They knew the importance of family and of Christian values. They loved America without question and they believed in making life better for their children.

That generation remembered what it was like to live hard and to work hard. They were going to make certain their children had an easier life than they had. Part of that better life was demonstrated during the holidays. They saw to it that disappointment was kept to a minimum and

life was easier than it had been just a few years earlier. They fought, and dug, and scratched, and sacrificed and found a way to create a better life.

My youth was spent in an entirely different world than my father's youth. There wasn't that much difference between his youth and his father's youth I don't think. Things stayed the same

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Remembering Mommie Katie

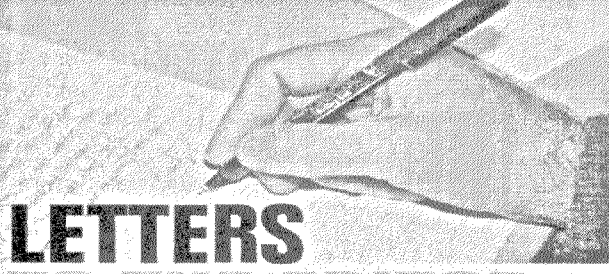
Over the past few months, some of my regular readers have suggested that I write a synopsis of my grandmother, Mary Katherine Stokes, whom we called Mommie Katie. She had a substantial impact on my life.

When I was six, my mother and I moved in with my grandparents, and Mommie Katie became my second mother. She was about 5 feet 8 inches tall and stood very erect. I think she had the best posture of any woman I have ever known.

A true southern lady, she could literally produce a five-course meal in 20 minutes if unexpected company arrived. I also think that she was the best cook I have ever known. Almost everything she prepared was flavored with a large spoonful of bacon grease.

Her cornbread (cooked in an old iron skillet), sweet potato balls, half-runner green beans cooked with a ham hock, and pineapple upside-down cake were some of her particular dishes that I found ex-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinion page...

Dear Editor,

In the November 10 edition of the *Signal*, I really enjoyed seeing the opinions that were expressed in the "Ramblings" column. Of course, I always enjoy the

opinions expressed in that liberal column. If Ms. Anderkin thinks the Democrats got America into World War II and stole the 2020 election among other things that were mentioned, maybe

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T.J.'s Journal
By: Tonya J. Cook



"Tis the Season"

Dear Journal, "Tis the season", has come and caught me unaware. The time goes by so fast these days, I don't even know where it goes. I'm just now getting ready for the Labor Day

weekend. But now "tis the season" for cold weather, with those cold icy winds, ice and snow. The roads are slick and not fit for travel. Now, these conditions bring about "tis the season" for "cabin fever." You know, "cabin fever", where you stay at home for days and can't get out. You can't get out because you are sick, everybody else is sick and you don't want to catch it, or the roads are too slick for travel and the weather is just too cold. So, there you are at home, bored of things you usually enjoy. You sleep in every day and that doesn't seem special anymore, you've seen your favorite movies seventeen times each and called everybody you know just to chat. You are even glad to get a call

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“Aces”

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for many generations. But this generation, born in the early to mid 1900s, was different somehow. They were going to change things. And they did.

In a few short years Americans in the south, and especially in eastern and central Kentucky, completely changed. In one generation my family went from dirt floors, coal oil lanterns and a single fireplace for heat, to air conditioned luxury and a life of plenty. As we grew, I, and my friends, lived in homes with heat in every room, food beyond need, comfort and warmth and safety that our parents didn't know in their child-

hood. And it was all because that generation made it happen.

Our Thanksgivings included much more food than could be placed on any kitchen table. We had to set up extra tables in other rooms to hold all the different foods and we had chairs in most every room so that family members could sit in fellowship as they ate.

Our home was filled with the laughter of children and the chatter of women in some rooms and men in others. I remember that it was always loud and we kids had our fill of every kind of food imaginable.

I, and my cousin Brian, would play guitars and banjos and mandolins and dad and some of the other old timers

would sing old Stanley Brothers bluegrass songs and then we would eat some more.

Dad always made the country ham while mom made the turkey and about 25 other dishes. For months before the celebration, mom was canning and pickling and storing and grinding and aging whatever she needed to cook that meal.

All of the family was there. Never was anyone too busy for Thanksgiving with the family. Not a bite was taken without a prayer of Thanksgiving and not a person would leave wishing for another bite of food. Everyone would carry with them dish after dish of food covered in aluminum foil as they headed home at the end of the day and we stood in the driveway waving "goodbye" till each family, one at a time, drove away.

At the end of the day, it was back to me and dad and mom in our warm and comfortable home with a full belly and a full heart.

We had it made compared to how the previous generation celebrated the holiday. Our lives were easy and safe and comfortable and convenient. And that's the way they wanted it.

This is my first holiday without my parents. Oddly enough, it is also Dora's first holiday without hers. The two of us have now become the "old timers" in our families. In fact, we are it. We are all our children have now.

The traditions are gone now. We get together with our children whenever we find a time that everyone is free, and there is no certain place to meet. Mom and dad are gone and all those aunts and uncles and cousins are either passed away or moved somewhere. I don't really know where.

I am thankful for a lot this Thanksgiving. My cup runneth over. But at the top of the list, the biggest of blessings, the favorite of things, I am thankful that mom and dad made sure my life was easier, safer, more comfortable, and more loving than theirs. Each memory is priceless. I carry them with me. Thank you Lord for a generation that will never die. I pray I can make such memories for my children. But it seems an impossible task. That generation was one of a kind.

“Letters”

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the Democrats are also the cause of cholera, rain, snow, earthquakes, constipation, diabetes, toothaches, hail, malnutrition, eczema, arthritis, dandruff, sunburn, acne, bulimia, headaches, floods,

tornadoes, hurricanes, drought, blindness, asthma, and bad breath.

I recently went up to Connecticut to see family and was thinking about taking a few "Ramblings" with me to show, but I was afraid my cousin would die from laughing so hard.

Brent R. Laswell
(Editors Note: Mr. Laswell is certainly entitled to his opinion on anything and I'm happy to provide him an outlet for them. The main thing I take issue with in this letter is being referred to as a "liberal." That Mr. Laswell, if it ever happens again, will get you barred from ever having another letter printed.)

“Memories

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traordinary. Everyone in Mt. Vernon thought she was the finest cook in town.

I distinctly remember hearing the pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church speak from the pulpit about Katie's Sunday dinners. I believe it was a hint -- so that she would invite him home with us, which she often did. I never observed her actually sitting down to eat with the rest of the family, because she was busy re-filling our plates.

Mommie also thought it was absolutely necessary for everyone to have a 10:00 p.m. snack before bedtime. Ice cream, cake, or homemade pies were some of her favorite snacks. All of this is amazing to me now, because she was a lady that was trim and very healthy.

In addition to her cooking skills, Mommie Katie had an extraordinarily green thumb. The woman had the prettiest flowers of anyone in the neighborhood. She also had a house full of African violets of every imaginable color growing all year long. She just had a knack for plants. Every once in a while, she would put on her bonnet, take a basket, and head for the woods. When she returned, she would cook the best "mess of greens" that you can imagine.

My grandmother always referred to her purse as her pocketbook, and she used that term often. All of her life she was a stay-at-home housewife and maintained her home exquisitely. Her home was her castle, and she alone was completely in charge. One drawer in a large chest located in the guest bedroom was filled with her "unmentionables," and in the very back of that same drawer, she kept that big old pocketbook well hidden. No one else ever opened that drawer, and none of us was actually sure of what she kept

hidden there.

As the breadwinner of the family, my grandfather (Pop) customarily gave Mommie Katie cash each time he received a check from Aubry Feed Mills or Louisville Grocery, where he worked for over forty years. Of course, none of us ever knew how much he gave her each month -- nor did we even consider asking about it. We just knew that each time he handed her money, she quietly walked to the guest bedroom and pulled out that old pocketbook.

Mommie Katie used her "stash" for her own purposes; there was never a discussion about it. After many years of observation, the rest of the family knew that she used most of that money for gifts, charity, and her weekly tithe to the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

When I became a teenager, Mommie Katie consistently kept herself aware of my needs at that most important stage of life. When she noticed that I was getting ready for a date, she would ask, "David Joe, do you need some money for your date?" Of course, my answer was usually the same -- that I could sure use it. She would then proceed to retrieve her pocketbook, and out came a "secret amount" of cash.

Every time I came home from UK, Mommie Katie made sure that we took a walk in the yard before I returned to Lexington. She never failed to send me back to school without some cash in my jeans pocket. She always asked, "Is there anything special that you need this time?" I would let her know if there was something unusual going on at UK.

Mommie Katie was one of the most influential people in my life. I just knew that she was praying for me and thinking about me most of the time I was away. She lived to be 100 years old, and I still miss her very much.
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appreciate your comments.

“T.J.’s”

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from the scammers about your car warranty. I always tell them I drive a 1972 Ford Pinto and that I didn't realize the warranty had expired. They usually hang up on me. I can really get their goat.

“Tis the season” to avoid, dare I say, Walmart. That place can only be tolerated in the summer with no holidays near. Now there is Thanksgiving, you know that little bump in the road or pause before it is time for Christmas when everybody just goes absolutely completely mad. Let's all run to Wally World and spend all that we can. Let's get a big screen TV although we got one out of the tax money we got last spring. Let's spend money we don't have and max out our credit cards. Let's drive through the parking lot looking for a parking spot enough times to go back home. I wish you could call ahead and get a place reserved in line to check out. Don't you love the self check-outs? Since you have to check yourself out, do you get paid, too? What keeps people from stealing their items? Just put it down in bags and show a receipt from last year. They don't give the receipt a very good search as you leave the store, anyway

“Tis the season” for the holiday cooking. You know the mornings that women get a holiday meal on the table by noon all over America. They get up about 6 AM or earlier to get everything perfect for the big meal. Let's not forget all of the baking and candy making that goes on days beforehand. Then comes the clean-up and if it is Christmas, there are all of the decorations to be boxed up and made ready for next year. Then, there is New Years. Thankfully, most are about celebrated out by now and ready to eat their blackeye peas, cornbread and jowl meat. Then we watch a little football as life gets back to normal.

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Health Department Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closing at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 23rd in observance of the thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 8 a.m. Happy Thanksgiving.

KPR Meeting November 29th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Monday, November 29th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club now meets at Limestone Grille each Thursday at noon. Kiwanis is a service organization working to improve the lives of children. The public is invited.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is currently open by appointment only. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-358-6546 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

American Legion Post News

The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities. Please join us each month.

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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Obituaries

Geraldine Clontz

Geraldine Clontz, 89, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, November 20, 2022 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead after a long illness.



She was born June 29, 1933, in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late David and Mary Ellen Owens Noe. She was a housewife, she loved and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, and children. She also enjoyed traveling, gardening, U.K. football and basketball, horse racing, and was a member of the Freedom Baptist Church.

Survivors are: three sons, John (Sheila) Clontz of Jacksonville, FL, Joseph (Linda) Clontz and of Mt. Vernon, and Jim (Tammy) Clontz of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Carla (Lynn) Parsons and of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Patsy Baker; nine grandchildren; and 12 and 1/2 great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Carl Ray Clontz; and two brothers, Earl Noe and William Owens.

Memorial services were conducted Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. David King officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to: The Rockcastle County Scholarship Fund in care of: Stella Young P.O. Box 1046, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.

Carl Robbins

Carl Robbins, 87, of Sand Springs, died Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born at Sand Springs in Rockcastle County on March 11, 1935, the son of Daniel and Eva Cromer Robbins.



He retired after 30 years of service as a supervisor for J & L Steel in Ohio, and was a member of Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by: a sister, Lucille Renner of Cincinnati, OH; a special friend, Eugene Webb; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of friends.

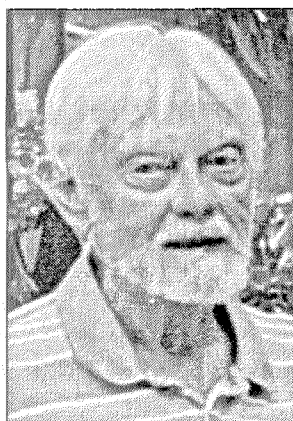
He was preceded in death by: his wife, Edna Robbins; a daughter, Donna Jean Robbins; and brothers, Walker, Russell, Denver, and Wilbur Robbins.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Jim Miller and Eugene Webb. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view Mr. Robbins' online obituary.

Richard Bobo

Richard Bobo, 82, of Rapid City, SD, died at his home on July 23, 2022. His passing was sudden and unexpected, and our family is heartbroken. Richard was born September 12, 1939, to Harley Tedrow Bobo and Mary Elizabeth Leoffler in Athens, Ohio.



Richard attended school in Shade, Ohio. After school, he joined the United States Air Force. He served his country honorably for 22 years and retired as a Master Sergeant of the 44th Transportation Squadron at Ellsworth

Airforce Base in Rapid City, SD. After retirement he continued to work at the Airforce Base at the Base Exchange and commissary. Richard enjoyed volunteering for Meals on Wheels, golfing, fishing, wood working, painting, gardening, and traveling. He was able to accomplish his lifelong goal of traveling to all 50 states as well as internationally with the love of his life Dale Perkins by his side. Anyone who knew Rich knew spending quality time with his family was the highlight of his life. He enjoyed spending as much time as possible with his three children, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Richard was loving, caring, strong minded and always willing to share his wisdom. On July 23 we all lost an amazing Veteran, Father and Papa and he will be deeply missed.

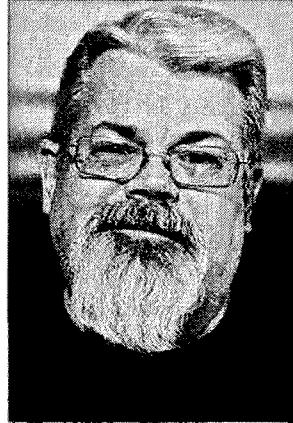
He leaves behind: wife, Dale Perkins; his children, Richard "Rick" (Kathy) Bobo, Janet (Jack) Smith, Susan (Don) Spaduzzi, Bridget (Scott) Albers, and Daniel (Wendy) Perkins; grandchildren, Amber (Andrew) Larkin, Elizabeth (Justin) Nelson, Michelle (Chris) Suttle, Racheal (Calen) Bowman, Brady (Chris) Kayla (Hunter) Pegues, Lauren Spaduzzi, and Zachary (Alyssa) Spaduzzi; as well as all his great grandchildren, Adeline, Aniston, Jayde, Trace, Lily, Guenith, and Maddison. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Harley Tedrow Bobo and Mary Elizabeth Leoffler.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, November 22, 2022 in Piney Grove Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the US Air Force.

Arrangements and obituary provided by Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home of Rapid City, SD. Local arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Keith Kersey

Joseph Keith Kersey, 53, of Copper Creek, died Friday, November 11, 2022 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in



High Point, NC on April 20, 1969, the son of the late Joseph Clifton and Ella Mae Grant Kersey.

He received his formal education from Twin City Christian Academy in Festus, MO, where he graduated high school in 1987 and later attended Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville, FL. He was a committed Christian and accepted Christ as a young

child. He was a member and attended multiple churches throughout his life, most recently Valley Baptist Church of Berea. In 1988, he married his wife, Paula Davis Kersey in Festus, MO.

He worked as a commercial truck driver for 29 years, most recently with F & M Trucking. He was a committed family man and a very hard worker. He had several hobbies including hunting, farming, fishing, talking on the phone with family and friends, taking his family out to eat, singing, and playing the banjo and guitar.

He leaves to cherish his memories; his wife of 34 years, Paula; his children, Joseph Kersey of Richmond, Maria Owens and husband Cody of Berea, James Kersey of Crab Orchard, Sarah Kersey of Mt. Vernon, and Rebekah Kersey of Williamsburg; and his grandchildren, Lilah Owens and Cora Owens of Berea. Also surviving are: aunts and uncles, Sanford Grant, Jerry Grant, and Beulah Riddle, al of Gastonia, NC, Rose Brown and husband Eddie of Randleman, NC, and Marie Whitfield and husband Raymond of Marion, NC; as well as many cousins and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Clifton and Ella Mae Kersey, and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 20, 2022 at Valley Baptist Church at Copper Creek by Bro. Perry Brown. Burial was in the Kersey Family Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view Mr. Kersey's online obituary.

Freeman Robinson

Freeman Jack Robinson, 89, of Orlando, died Friday, November 11, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Orlando on June 10, 1933, the



son of Julius and Susan Ellen Thomas Robinson. He was a retired janitor for Eastern Kentucky University and a member of Brush Creek Holiness Church.

He is survived by: his children, Vernon Price, Edwin Robinson and wife Kathy, Reda Bowman and husband Isaac Clentin, Esther Hecker and husband Fred, Audrey Bishop and husband Mark, Kim Dale and wife Linda Robinson, and Teresa Contrabasso and husband John; 16 grandchildren, including a special granddaughter and partner-in-crime, Molly Kate Bowman; 23 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife: Betty; two children, Ruby Carol Robinson and John Robinson; a daughter-in-law, Delphia Price; a grandson, Dennis Michael McClure; and siblings, Ollie Jane Ramsey, Chester Robinson, John Robinson, Frank Robinson, Sherman Robinson, Elizabeth Dalton, and Zinna Ellen Shiple.

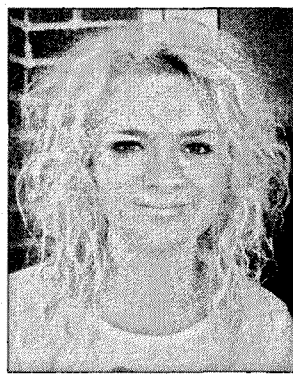
Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, November 16, 2022 in Briarfield Cemetery by Bro. Lonnie McGuire.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Shayla Kathleen Dee Cox

Shayla Kathleen Dee Cox (Heaven) passed tragically yet peacefully at 26 years young on Sunday, November 6, 2022.



She came into this world quietly on August 16, 1996. Through her years she was exactly that, quiet and peaceful; providing comfort and light. A gypsy soul, a kindness we could only hope to encounter.

She leaves behind a brother and sister-in-law, Holden and Gabrielle Renner; two sisters, Harlee Riddle and Paige; four nieces, Mollie, Addie, Nova and Layla; one nephew, Benjamin (Bear); her parents, Halona Wynn and Clayton Cox; two grandmothers; one grandfather; two aunts; four cousins and their children.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Tyler Moble and her stepfather, Jamie Wynn.

Celebration of life will be Sunday, December 4th from 2 - 5 p.m. at 180 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Hazel Cameron

Hazel Evelyne Cameron, 82, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Bro. Billy Joe Cameron, died Saturday, November 19, 2022.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

Roger Decker

Roger Lee Decker, 67, of Berea, formerly of Marlton, NJ, died Thursday, November 10, 2022 at his home. He was born in Somerset on February 7, 1955 to the late Herstel E. and Louise Manning Decker.

An alumnus of Eastern Kentucky University, he was a US Navy Veteran where he served aboard the

USS America aircraft carrier and achieved the rank of Lieutenant. He later retired from Lockheed Martin after 30 years of service as an aeronautical engineer. He was a kind, loving, generous, and selfless brother, uncle, and friend. He will be deeply missed.

Those left to cherish his memory are: his brother, Gary Decker and wife Teresa of Red Hill; his sister, Janet Newcomb and husband Robert of Hilo, HI; his nephews and niece, Garry Hodgins and wife Jami of Monticello, Courtney Hodgins and Keyvin Taylor of Flemingsburg, Joshua Breeding and wife Amber of Las Cruces, NM, and Christopher Habermehl and Julia Morrow of Epping, NH; and great nieces and nephews, Nathan, Lindsey, and Alora Hodgins of Monticello, Keira Hodgins, and Zachary and Alexandra Crank of Crab Orchard, and Brian Breeding of Las Cruces, NM.

Additionally, the family of Mr. Decker would like to offer special recognition and their appreciation to Mandy Scott for her assistance in their time of need.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 21, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Mark Eaton and Phillip Doan. Burial followed in Mill Springs National Cemetery with military honors provided by the US Navy.

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In Memory of Darrell Doan and Orval Whitis
From left: Darrell Doan, Mike Sturgill, Kim Sturgill and Orval Whitis

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Thank you so much for supporting our family during our great loss. The outpouring of love, food and gifts shown to us will always be remembered.

As time heals our hearts, her memory and influence will remain strong. Her love for Jesus and family will live on through each of us. We are honored to be her legacy. We are comforted knowing she is face to face with Jesus.

Well done, thy good and faithful servant.
The Family

Thank You

We, the family of Samuel McGuire, would like to thank the people of this community who contributed to the donation fund for Samuel, the son of Ryan and April McGuire.

Words cannot express our gratitude and appreciation for the generosity and love shown to our Samuel, after the sudden loss of his parents due to Covid last winter.

Again we humbly and sincerely thank each and everyone of you.

The Family of Samuel McGuire

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The first customer of the new Lincoln County gas tap, that will eventually make its way to Rockcastle County, was energized last week. Shown above at the completion ceremony are (from left) Jeff Steele, Business Development with Delta Natural Gas, Dalton Miller, Stanford Mayor, John Brown, President of Delta Natural Gas, David Meade, House Speaker Pro Tempore, Addison Coffey, Vice President of Pittman Creek Wholesales (the first customer), George Leamon, Stanford-Lincoln IDA, Josh Bray, Kentucky State Representative, Jeff VanHook, Rockcastle County IDA Executive Director, James Coffey, President and CEO of Pittman Creek Wholesale, Woods Adams, Lincoln County Judge/Executive, Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County Judge/Executive.

“Tap”

(Continued from front) members of the RCIDA board, began working on the project as soon as the new director was hired about five years ago. However, prior to that, the problem may have been that officials were thinking too small, according to local officials. In order to get the gas line to the county, other counties would have to be involved. VanHook began searching for grants and other funding and working closely with Delta Natural Gas and economic development directors in other counties. As Bray and Holbrook continued to work closely with Lincoln County representatives and state legislatures. “We had to think bigger than just our own county. We had to think out of the box and focus regionally to get it done,” VanHook said earlier this year.

The plan originally met with some skepticism since Rockcastle County had to pitch in funding to help have the gas tap installed in Lincoln County. Some argued that local dollars should not be used to help other counties get a gas tap. But, according to VanHook, what most did not know was that not having the gas tap there was the biggest deterrent to getting a gas line here. “Yes, we helped Lincoln County get the gas tap grant, but that is how we got the gas line to come to Rockcastle County,” said

VanHook. at an earlier meeting. “Without that tap, Rockcastle County could not have access to natural gas.”

The plan worked. “My whole life I have watched as big things happened to communities around us. It’s our turn now,” said Bray. “This project has shown the state that good things are happening in Rockcastle County and we have the opportunity to do something really special.”

VanHook is proud of the work done to set Rockcastle up for the gas line. “The RCIDA Gas Tap Grant was officially completed last Thursday, November 10 and Delta Natural Gas successfully energized their new 1.245 mile line, from the gas tap location on Highway 1770, and the Pittman Creek Wholesale facility in the Lincoln County Industrial Park became the first official natural gas customer on the line.

“This is a significant accomplishment in that the EDX Pilot Program, in which Delta Natural Gas is the first applicant, will be satisfied on the first day of completion,” said VanHook. “The RCIDA and the Lincoln County IDA were the first communities to be certified for participation in the PSC Pilot Program through the Economic Development Cabinet.”

VanHook says he, and those working with him, met with a few minor disappointments when beginning the process, including being turned down on grant applica-

tions. But no one involved gave up on the effort. “Delta was able to be granted the opportunity for the \$4.2 million investment by the PSC Pilot Program due to ARC Gas Tap Grant and the continued persistence of local leaders,” he said. “These initial phases were instrumental for Josh (Bray) and House Speaker Pro Tempore David Meade, to advocate for, and secure, the completion of the gas line to Rockcastle County through the US-150 corridor. Delta will make an additional \$11 million investment to provide gas distribution service lines to Crab Orchard, Brodhead, Mount Vernon, Renfro Valley and all Rockcastle County Industrial Parks.”

VanHook and Bray agree that natural gas is on its way to Rockcastle only because current leaders did not give up when it appeared the project would not come to fruition. “When I received word that our original grant application was rejected, I immediately got in touch with Josh, Hal (Holbrook) and George Leamon in Lincoln County and Delta Natural Gas,” said VanHook. “The consensus of all was not to accept defeat but to dig in and get to work on our story and further develop our strategies to be successful.”

Bray agrees that the persistence of the team made the project possible. “This project was a team effort,” he said. “This demonstrates that

Rockcastle and Lincoln County can work together and think bigger than just ourselves. This allowed me and Representative Meade to fight for the \$20 million budget appropriation that is going to finally get gas in Rockcastle County.”

The first customer from the Lincoln County tap is now online and the pipeline is coming closer to Rockcastle every day, according to VanHook and Bray. With no unforeseen obstacles, officials expect the main trunk line to be completed in Rockcastle County before the end of 2024 and individual distribution lines will come from there, Bray said. “It is finally on its way and Rockcastle County will be open to economic development that was not available before,” he added.

VanHook agrees. “There is no way to know how many manufacturing plants or industrial plants or other companies were looking for a central Kentucky location and just wrote Rockcastle County off because there was no natural gas available,” said VanHook. “I know of some very big missed opportunities because we did not have natural gas, but imagine how many we don’t even know about because they weren’t interested in a location without gas. That hurdle has now been removed.”

“Sick”

(Continued from front)

the Rockcastle County school system’s district Nurse Jessica Dollins.

The letter addresses efforts to keep students flu-free, avoid missing school days and cause less stress on the family. The letter continues to explain that the health and safety of the students is the school system’s priority and informs parents of the school’s policy regarding sickness.

According to the letter, students should stay home from school if they have a fever of 100.5 or more for any reason and should stay home until the fever is reduced to less than 100.5.

The letter says if a student vomits, even if the child feels okay, they should stay home until they have gone 24 hours without a reoccurrence. Also, any student with a sore throat or swollen lymph nodes or red, inflamed eyes with a discharge should remain home. They should also stay home if they have a productive cough.

The letter says the flu is a serious illness and parents should call their pediatrician at the first sign of symptoms which includes high fever, chills, headache, body aches, earache, nausea, vomiting or a dry cough.

Parents and/or guardians are urged to watch their children closely during this flu season.

If a student should become ill while at school, the school nurse will make the required determinations and parents/guardians, or their designee, will be asked to pick up the student promptly.

Officials say adherence to this policy can help keep other children safer throughout the school district and can keep the entire community safer from such illness.

“Scam”

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Both of these calls are scams. The press release says “Law enforcement will never call you to inform of an arrest warrant. Furthermore, these agencies will not ask anyone for money, banking/personal information or make threats of an arrest.”

KSP says if a caller demands an immediate decision, it is likely a scam and no one should request credit or debit card or banking information over the phone. They also say if

something is offered for free, there is cause to be suspicious.

Also, residents should avoid any investment that appears to have no risk and officials warn that “if something sounds too good to be true, it often is.”

The press release also suggest suspicion if the caller offers to send someone to your home or if they are not registered with the Attorney General’s office or if the caller uses high pressure sales tactics.

“Noel”

(Continued from front)

Food trucks and vendors will be lining Main Street as art displays and many other activities, including an ice skating rink are planned for this year’s celebration. There will also be live music on the Winter Wonderland Stage on the courthouse lawn.

Music will begin at 4:45 with Donovan Howard and then the RCHS Choir will take the stage at 5:40. The crowd will be treated to music from the Hall of Fame voice lessons students at 6:15 and the popular Jaclyn Bullock will perform at 7:30. The music will culminate with “CC Allen” Conway Cowboy beginning at 8:45.

The annual Christmas Parade will begin at 4 p.m. and the parade winners will be announced at 5:30. The Best Elf Contest will be held at 6 p.m. and the Ugliest Christmas Sweater contest will be held at 7:15. The Best Decorated Vendor winner will be announced at 7:30 and door prizes will be presented at 8:30.

Santa will be in front of Cindy’s Place on Main Street during the festivities and the ice skating rink will be open throughout the celebration. There are also plans to house some vendors at the new Farmers Market building on Richmond Street.

The event is made possible with the help and donations of the Rockcastle Arts Association, the City of Mount Vernon, Rockcastle Regional, Community Trust Bank, Woodmen Life, R-Tec, State Senator Brandon Storm, Citizens Bank, the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, Rockcastle Tourism, Bee Garbage, Lone Star Farm and House, State Representative Josh Bray and Amburgey Law. A special “thanks” goes to CSEPP, Sassy Sisters, Vintage Charm, Whittaker Bank, the Farmers Market and Amy’s Place.

Organizers say this is expected to be the biggest and best Christmas celebration yet and everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy the festivities.

“Raise”

(Continued from front)

ums for employees was about to rise so we didn’t know exactly how much of a raise the budget would support until we knew how much money we would have,” he said. “We could not commit funds we didn’t know were there. But as soon as the insurance bill arrived, we started working on raises.”

The insurance premium reached Holbrook’s desk last month, showing a lesser increase than expected, and he presented the recommendation for the raises at the next fiscal court meeting.

A big budget consideration, according to Holbrook, were the other expenses involved with employees since the county provides Health, Life and Vision insurance along with retirement and a \$600 pharmacy card. For example, a typical county employee making

\$15 per hour, will gross \$31,200 a year, but that does not include benefits. “Not everyone sees that a \$15 per hour employee may make \$31,200 gross per year, but the actual costs to taxpayers is \$48,000 per year. With 75 employees, that adds up really fast,” said Holbrook. “And it has a big affect on the county budget.”

Using the \$15 an hour employee as an example, Holbrook pointed out that the county’s share into the retirement system for that employee is \$8,358 annually and the county’s portion of the life and vision insurance is \$175. The county also contributes \$7,678 for health insurance and provides a card to purchase medicines which costs the county \$678 each, he said. This brings the total cost per \$15 an hour employee for a year to \$48,000, according to Holbrook.

The employee’s share of insurance premiums has not increased since Holbrook has been in office and for several years prior, he said. In essence, county employees have had some raises they never knew about. “When there are increases, we just absorb the difference,” he said. “Times are hard enough for people without passing those increases along to the employees and taking more out of their checks to cover it.”

In total, the 5% raise will cost the county about \$170,000, according to Holbrook for all employees affected by the raise.

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority became the third department to be under their own budget just this month after the fiscal court voted to remove the executive director position from the county payroll. Instead, the county will now pro-

vide program support to the RCIDA board and those board members will decide payroll schedules and benefits just as the sheriff’s department and county clerk do. The county will continue to provide the \$50,000 in program support as it does each year to the RCIDA but instead of providing \$75,000 for the director’s salary from the county’s budget, along with the benefits, it will add that \$75,000 to the \$50,000 for a total of \$125,000 in annual program support to RCIDA, Holbrook said.

The benefits package for the director has been covered by the county but will now be covered by the RCIDA board,” he said. “This essentially costs us less money because the board pays the benefits now,” he said.

For the sheriff’s department, the fiscal court provides \$489,293 annually in program support,

which includes all of the benefits for employees - health insurance, retirement, matching social security and medicare, etc.

Magistrates agree the budget is slated to include five full time road deputies for the full year. However, there are only four currently on the payroll. Franklin said earlier this year that the funds are insufficient to pay five deputies, full time and still meet expenses of his department. Franklin has offered to meet with the court to find a way to support five full time deputies with the current budget.

For the clerk’s office the county budget shows \$113,436 used for a percentage of benefits and other expenses.

Both Allen and Franklin say they plan to provide the 5% raise for their employees as well.

The RCIDA board has not announced if they plan to provide a raise for the executive director’s position even though the City of Mt. Vernon recently approved \$12,000 per year in program support to the RCIDA, ostensibly approved for an increase in salary for the RCIDA executive director.

*Signal office will be closed
Thursday, November 24th
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Happy Thanksgiving from
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Denton and Ruby Childress, property in Rockcastle County, to Rick and Carol Brummett. No tax.

Brea and J. Kevin Proctor, property near Casper Lake Road, to Christopher M. and Crystal J. Frith. Tax \$27.

Realty World Dowell and Associates, LLC, property on KY 1505, to James E. and Ruth M. Lunsford. Tax \$54.

Mary Hendrickson, Tract 13 of the Chiant Lear Farm, to Michael Lear. No tax.

District Court

Nov. 11-14, 2022

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Randy E. Harrison: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 5 days in jail/costs merged.

Kevin Dean Lawson: Driving on DUI suspended license and failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, 10 days in jail (each charge)/concurrent/costs merged.

Brian Yauger: public intoxication, 10 days in jail/costs merged.

Lisa Barger: criminal trespass, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Joseph Bowles: no tail lamps, 14 days in jail/weekend service; operat-

ing motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, \$350 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to 18 months plus 14 days in jail.

Melinda Rae Bullock: failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates - receipt; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jackie Callahan: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.

John Alexander Kuhn: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.

Jimmy D. Lee: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Chad Everett Mahaffey: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Randall Matthew Mullins: harassing communications, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Ronald E. Paul: fines/fees due (\$4,125), bw issued.

Darrell Pittman: Assault, bw issued for fta.

Christopher M. Poynter: careless driving: \$50 fine plus costs.

Matthew Rader: careless driving, \$50 fine plus costs.

Zachary Robinson: theft by unlawful taking, criminal trespassing (three counts), bw issued

for fta. Nicholas Randell Rushing: hitchhiking on limited access facilities and public intoxication controlled substance, bw issued for fta.

Johnathan Dale Sprowles: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

William Baker: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, five days in jail (each charge) concurrent/costs merged.

Anthony D. Allen: fines/fees due (\$188), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Jackie H. Blackburn: receiving stolen property, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Joseph Steven Earl Cameron: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/six day in jail or payment in full.

Justin P. Chasteen: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Charles F. Clark: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

D'ondra Clay: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Justin Michael Denney: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Brandon Charles Fultz-Ray: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Mellisse Sue Gutfreund: fines/fees due (\$800), bw issued/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Speeding: David Antuan Mack, \$44 fine plus costs; Jeffrey Walker: license suspended for fta.

Brooke S. Nicely: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, no/expired registration plates and six other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Shannon D. Osborne: fines/fees due (\$793), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Garrett S. Payne: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and three other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

David Andrew Robbins: failure of owner

to maintain req. insurance/security and five other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Brian Scott Sparks: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, \$100 fine plus costs.

David J. Spark: fines/fees due (\$823), bw issued for fta/17 days in jail or payment in full.

Dylan Timmons: oper-

ating motor vehicle under influence alcohol., \$200 fine plus costs, license suspension for up to six months.

William Brian Evans: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Leslie Ann Leary: failure to wear seat belts, paid. Janak Sing: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

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I am blessed beyond measure by your encouragement and support.



It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your District Court Judge and I sincerely thank you for permitting me to continue to do so. My husband, Kevin, my son, Tyler and I are grateful.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I am thankful for you. Many blessings to you and your families for a Very Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely, and with love, Judge Katie Slone.

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By George W. Vandy

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- Heard, but not seen
- "Gone," at an auction
- Adjoin
- Spot broadcast, often
- Alpine transport
- Aster
- Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
- Catalogues
- Relative of the jack fish
- Starter starter
- Class action grp.?
- Left the saddle
- Bit of needlework
- "Lord of the Rings" menace
- Desert roamer
- Bottom of a foot
- "Jurassic Park" author
- Prefix with "normal" or "cute"
- Brooklynese "Y'all"
- Mandela's party
- Biases
- Base of a window
- "Malcolm X" director Spike
- Attende
- Big name in computers
- Much less upscale
- Stopped the squeaking
- Thing with a tiny stain
- Large, round hairdo
- Men
- Word heard in church
- Type of nonlethal gun
- Sound of a water balloon hitting the ground
- Penny

DOWN

- Mother, informally
- Geisha's sashes
- It brings a tear to the eye
- Body of beliefs
- Hairy zoo creature
- Internet address, for short
- "Arrivederci"
- Aggregate
- Some pitching stats
- Five-armed marine creature
- Life sentences?
- Aberdeen girl
- Free from moisture
- Mysterious stuff
- Airhead
- Skin-cream ingredient
- How some things are lit
- Splendid displays
- Court event
- Capital of Ghana
- Handheld munchies
- Sum
- Repeat oneself?
- "It follows that ..."
- Stonehenge priest
- The last to leave the party
- Speck in the ocean
- Large stringed instruments
- Heading for a list
- Earth shaking experiences
- Short summary, for short
- Lavender flower
- Separate, as flour or ashes
- Beige shade
- Throw dice
- Certain citrus fruit
- First garden
- Bumper imperfection
- More, in Madrid
- Thing in a pod
- Suffix for the extreme

Thanksgiving

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Rockcastle Chapter Women's Issues Committee Co-Chairs, June Whittler and Edwina Anglin honored the female firefighters of the Climax Fire Department for their service and dedication to the safety of their community. Each firefighter was presented a certificate of appreciation, a pen and a monetary gift was given to purchase items for the fire station. Pictured are: June Whittler, Melissa Pheanis, Carolyn Holt, Melony Wynn, Monica Bishop, Delina Bowles and Edwina Anglin.

November is Native American Month

By Tonya J. Cook
As State and Chapter Chair of the DAR American Indian Committee I want to call your attention to this month, November, being dedicated to the original settlers to this nation, the Native Americans who arrived here many centuries before any white men ever stepped foot on this land. They lived here, developed their own history, culture, languages and governments.

Today there are about five hundred seventy-four different tribes in America. There are about thirty tribes that are extinct. Each tribe will vary a little to some degree from the others. As of 2020, there were over two million Natives in America. There are hundreds of other people who can claim Native heritage in part. In Kentucky, there are no officially recognized tribes although some tribes have been seeking recognition for many years.

The first Native American month was in 1990 and was brought about and signed into law by President George H.W. Bush. This was to recognize the history, culture, traditions and

achievements of the original Americans. In 1879, Chief Standing Bear argued in a U.S. District Court in Nebraska that he and other Natives that had been treated in a shameful manner and were wronged by the government, that they were indeed humanity and deserved better treatment. He won his civil rights case for his people, the small Ponca tribe. He became a hero of the civil rights movement even today.

In the founding of America, the settlers who landed on the eastern coasts found the winters were brutal and they were unfamiliar with the crops that could thrive here. They lacked proper housing. Fortunately the Native people took them in, so to speak, and helped them to survive their first few years. In return, the settlers gave the Natives diseases such as leptospirosis (a bacterial infection that killed nine of ten Natives that encountered it). Over the years, Europeans have introduced such diseases as syphilis, influenza, malaria, measles, smallpox and chickenpox. Untold thousands and thousands

of Natives died, and the millions of Natives that inhabited North America before the Europeans arrived have been reduced to what numbers remain today. History shows that some Natives were even intentionally infected with deadly diseases.

The settlers had days of thanksgiving periodically to thank God for their blessings but it was Abraham Lincoln in 1863 who officially made the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day. Let's remember the Native People this Thanksgiving season and be thankful for their guidance and generosity to the forefathers.

"ramblings"

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The problem with this pledge, or one of many problems actually, is that China, the biggest polluter in the world, doesn't have to pay any reparations and may even come in for a share of our \$1B pledge as a "developing" country.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene is calling for an audit of the many billions that have been sent to Ukraine, including billions in our military equipment.

Thus far, only 10 other Republicans in the House have signed onto the bill, including Kentucky's Thomas Massie, my latest hero. I failed to see our own Hal Rogers's name on the list but actually was not surprised. Hal is probably still trying to figure out some advantage for Somerset before he signs on.

The House controls the purse strings in our government and, with a Republican majority in the new term beginning in January, I hope they can stop this insanity before we are past the tipping point into financial ruin.

One of the biggest savings could come with the allocation for 87,000 new IRS agents being cancelled. They are supposedly being charged with making billionaires pay their "fair share" but since there are only something over 700 billionaires in this country, the 87,000 new agents might be considered overkill.

There has been a definite uptick in the transgender population in

our country over the past couple of years and I have wondered about why. But, part of the answer might be coming out of San Francisco where the city government recently launched a guaranteed income program for transgender people. Applications are being taken for 55 eligible residents to receive \$1,200 per month for 18 months, as well as healthcare and financial coaching.

But, the government of San Francisco has a big heart, they already have a guaranteed monthly income, for the Abundant Birth Project for pregnant black and Pacific Islander residents, of \$1,000 per month from their first trimester to two years, post partum. Then there's the 190 artists who get \$1,000 a month for 18 months. They also plan to launch two pilot programs in 2023 aimed at youth groups, including those transitioning out of foster care programs (actually a program that has some merit).

Projected House Ma-

ority Leader, Rep. Kevin McCarthy, is presently leading a GOP delegation to assess the border problem where illegals are coming across in ever increasing numbers. McCarthy is expected to make an important announcement later today (Tuesday).

Of course, pResident Biden has NEVER been to the border, once in his life, in spite of being in office in this country for almost 50 years.

My detractors will enjoy a Letter to the Editor we are printing in this week's *Signal*, from Brian Laswell of Texas.

As usual he is pointing out my erroneous thinking, about everything, but the worst part of it all, he calls me a liberal in it. I have always made it a point to print all letters that are of the correct length, and are not defamatory but if that ever happens again, Mr. Laswell will never get another word printed in this paper. I'd almost rather be called the Devil than a liberal.

Happy Thanksgiving,
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Who Is A Wise Man

James 3:13

1. The value of wisdom has always been recognized.
 - A. The Old Testament exalts wisdom: more valuable than rubies. (Job 28:18) No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is far above rubies. b. better than strength. (Eccl.9:16); c. brings happiness (Prov.3:13)
 - B. The New Testament praises wisdom. (Acts 6:3) Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
2. Wisdom should be the goal of every Christian.
 - A. God is wise. (Rom.16:27) Christ is wise. (Col.2:3)
 - B. We are commanded to be wise. (Matt.10:16). We are to pray for wisdom. (James1:5).
 - C. Two kinds of wisdom. (James 3:15-17) and (1Cor.1:21).
3. The Wise Man Respects Jehovah God.
 - A. He acknowledges God. (Psalms 14:1) The fool has said in his heart there is no God.
 - B. He fears God. (Prov. 9:10) The fear of Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.
 - C. Respects his power. Omnipotent. (1Cor.1:25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
4. The Wise Man Obeys Christ.
 - A. Submissive attitude toward authority reflects wisdom.
 - B. Christ and His Word are authority. (Heb.1:2) Hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.
 - C. Wise men hear and obeys. (Matt.7:24) Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.
5. The Wise Man Wins Others.
 - A. Solomon realized the wisdom of winning souls. (Prov.11:30) The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.
 - B. The greatest joy and satisfaction in this life for a Christian is to know that he has saved a soul from death. (James 5:20) Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

CONCLUSION
It is wise to become a Christian and live the Christian life, and it is most foolish not to do it. The world looks upon it as foolish. (1Cor.4:10) We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.

Who is a wise man? One that fears, obeys Christ, wins others, and in doing these, prepares for heaven. "This is the time, O then be wise, O why not tonight?" Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch articles to read on our YouTube channel. We want to hear from you whether you agree or disagree. Your suggestion is important us. (REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU). You can contact me: 606-224-1480 or ovabaker@windstream.net

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We live in a land that is so blessed with an abundance of food and good things that make our lives more enjoyable.

I would like for us to think about something even of greater value than all the physical and material blessings we have. Let's be thankful for the character of God. I am reminded of all the wonderful spiritual benefits we have from God, such as the forgiveness of sins and that is one thing we all need. In *Romans 3:23* it says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. *1 John 1:8-10* tells us, if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *V9* If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *V10* If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar and his word is not in us.

What about God's character of mercy and longsuffering towards us. Mercy means unmerited favor, longsuffering means patience.

Romans 5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were yet sinners. *2 Peter 3:9* The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. These characteristics of God are truly something to be thankful for, knowing they are not going to change with time.

Hebrews 12:26-29 says, Whose voice then shook the earth; but now he hath promised saying, yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also Heaven. *V27* And this word, yet once more signified the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. *V28* Wherefore we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptable with reverence and Godly fear. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for. God did away with those things that can be shaken, the carnal ordinances of the Old Testament and grace us that which cannot be shaken and that is the New testament. We are reminded in *V28-29* that God expects us to serve him with reverence and Godly fear for he is a consuming fire. Which means we'll be judged by those things that cannot be shaken and that are revealed in the new testament.

May God Bless You all this Thanksgiving.

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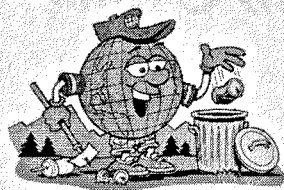
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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Planting Trees, Moving Trees: Fall is the Perfect Time

The Indian Summer days after there's been a few frosts and leaves are falling all over are perfect days to plant shade or fruit trees, shrubs, most bigger plants. It's also probably the best time to dig up and relocate a plant that you like, just not in the spot it happens to occupy.

Soil temperatures are much above freezing, and most woody plants continue root growth even after leaves have fallen up until the ground begins to freeze. So, root growth, without the loss of moisture through the leaves, means plantings done in fall are way ahead of the game compared to spring plantings.

Yes, spring is planting time, too. But for seeds and smaller plants, and for those that couldn't get the bigger trees moved into their new home in your yard in the fall. I just planted some bare rooted apple trees (they'd already lost their leaves), and intend to plant some other fruit trees if they go dormant in time to dig them before the temperatures get too cold.

Anytime is acceptable to plant containerized trees and shrubs; certainly professional landscapers do it successfully all months of the year. But, the stress on the trees is less when planted after leaves fall but the ground is still warm and not too muddy.

Balled and burlapped trees can be planted in all but the hottest, driest times in summer. Even then, it often is successful if enough care and supplemental watering is given the new trees. Buying (or digging) a tree with a big enough root ball is a factor in survivability. Here's some advice on B&B trees—the more roots you lose in the digging, the slower your new tree will grow. Unless you're willing to remove an equal percentage of the limbs above ground equal to the amount of roots lost in the process. (Most people aren't willing to begin pruning their brand new pretty tree at or before planting.) This is often why small trees, even bare rooted ones, catch up to the bigger and more expensive trees in

just a few growing seasons; trees can't grow on top if they first have to grow new roots.

Fresh dug trees planted in the springtime do typically perform just fine. But, if their root systems got a chance to become acclimated to their spot before the sap rises and leaves begin to put stress on the roots, fall planted ones will have a less stressful time in the spring and early summer.

Are there exceptions? Aren't there always? If your planting spot is mostly in shade, or your summer climate is cloudy and rainy a lot, it may not matter. And if your winters are long and the ground freezes solid for long periods of time, any benefit to fall planting may be nullified.

For those that live in planting zones 6 through 8 (winter low being between 19 F and -10 F), fall is typically the best planting time if you can get the variety and quality of nursery stock you desire. That may be the bigger issue, as most nurseries try to sell as much as possible before winter, and don't order in new plants until late winter. And if you live where it almost never even drops into the teens, all winter is excellent for planting in your location.

Sometimes I resort to mail order nurseries if the local ones don't have the thing I need at the time I choose to plant. And sometimes I have things in my own little inventory collection that I may use often, or know I'm likely to have trouble sourcing the plants at the time I wish to plant them. The homeowner sometimes can buy plant material and keep it alive until they are ready to plant. This is good practice if you're planning to plant at a time nursery plants may be scarce and picked over. But, you do need to have a plan and only purchase the things your landscape has space for.

Let's review. Planting trees and shrubs in fall has advantages to spring planting. Moving a plant from one spot to another is best done in fall. (If you lose all the dirt from the roots of a tree or shrub during the moving process, it's much more likely to survive the ordeal if it's top is dormant and not trying to grow

leaves.) You can dig and relocate the old plant in fall, even if you're not quite ready to replant—your planting hole will still be waiting on you in the spring. And your relocated tree may not miss a beat.

Brand new landscaping projects often take place as a building contractor completes a new home. But, if the timing of this is in the fall, so much the better. (Smaller perennial plants can sometimes come up out of the ground in cold months

and die, so planting little things in fall may not be the best idea.)

I tend to hibernate, like an animal, in cold weather. But, at one point, in more youthful days, I regularly traveled to the Carolinas or farther south to landscape in December through February, since the ground often froze or became covered in snow in my hometown in Kentucky.

If you have landscaping on your to-do list and are putting it off, don't let the

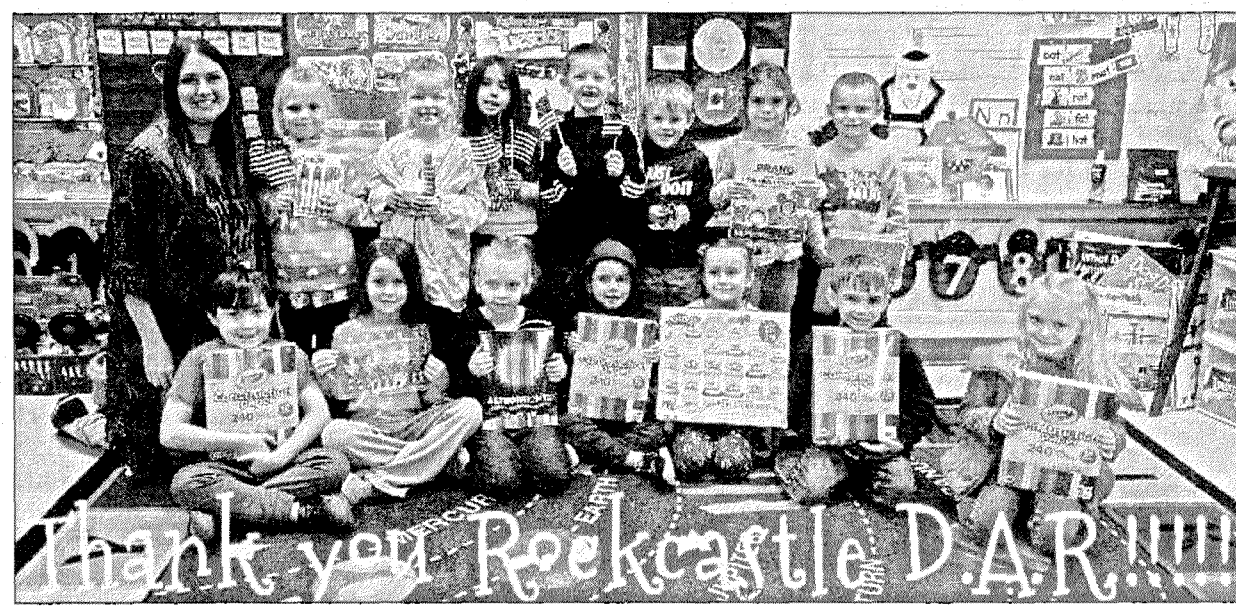
fact winter may be approaching soon keep you from this lovely autumn window of opportunity. For as I compose this, the seasonal factors are ideal for planting or relocating trees and shrubs. If timely rains don't come, you may still need to water things, but it's not going to be a critical issue such as it might be in summer.

Always keep roots from drying out in sun and wind. And evergreen shrubbery should especially be given

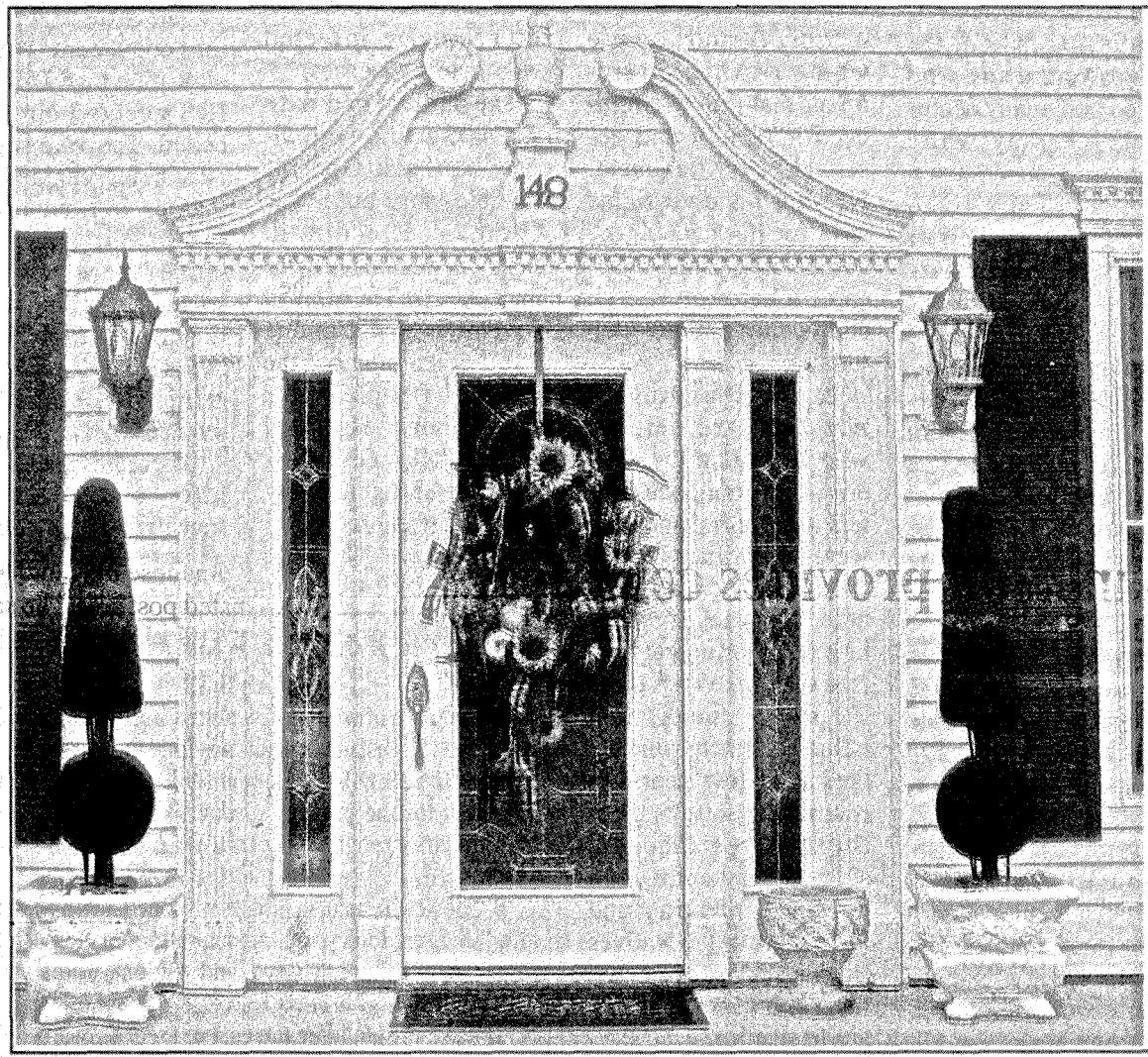
lots of water up until the ground freezes, for evergreen leaves or needles still lose moisture to evaporation in the cold months, so keep their roots damp until you can't apply water due to the cold freezing weather.

Do you need some landscaping? Perhaps this fall is your chance to get it done and make your home a bit more like paradise.

The author is a landscaper. Comments invited. Wwww.rockcastles.net or 606 416 3911.

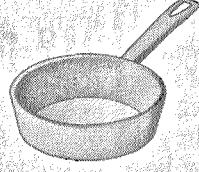


Mrs. Kami Lovell Phillips' kindergarten class at MVES is the recipient of this year's DAR Community Classroom Program. Each year, Rockcastle Chapter assists and supports students and teachers in the community by purchasing needed items from wish lists of teachers and school programs.



Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



SLOW COOKER WHITE BEAN AND SAUSAGE SOUP

4 cups white beans
1 jar (25 ounce) crushed tomatoes
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon salt
1 small onion, finely
12 ounces kielbasa sausage, cut into bite size pieces
Place navy beans in a large bowl and just cover with water. Leave at room temperature overnight. The next day, drain the beans and pour them into the bowl of a crock pot. Cover the beans with water and stir in the tomatoes, garlic powder, salt, onion, and sausage. Put the lid on, set the crock pot to high, and cook for 8 hours, or until the beans are tender. Add more salt or garlic powder to taste. Serve.

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN VEG-ETABLE STEW

2 medium sweet onions, diced into bite-sized pieces
3 stalks celery, diced
4 carrots, peeled and sliced into rounds
2 medium russet potatoes, peeled, diced into small pieces
1 can whole kernel corn,

drained
1 bay leaf
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon sage
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
3 to 4 pounds chicken breasts, skin removed
3 cups chicken broth or chicken stock
1 tablespoon corn starch plus 1 tablespoon cold water
Place onions, celery, carrots, potatoes, corn, bay leaf, salt, sage, and poultry seasoning in the bottom of a large slow cooker. Stir to combine. Lay chicken on top of vegetables. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Pour chicken broth over everything, cover, and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours or on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours. When there are about 30 minutes left in the cooking time, remove chicken from the slow cooker and chop or shred the meat. Return chicken meat to the slow cooker and discard bones. Discard bay leaf. In a small bowl, whisk together corn starch and cold water until smooth. Stir into the stew and cook on HIGH without the lid for 30 minutes (or until broth thickens a little bit).

We Give Thanks...

In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thes. 5:18

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New mayors make plans for first day in office

By: Mike French
Editor

As of January, Rockcastle County will have all new mayors in each of the three cities.

In Brodhead and Mount Vernon, the current mayors did not run for re-election and new mayors were selected in the recent election. In Livingston a hard-fought race between candidates

ended in a two-vote difference with Larry Davidson winning the office.

Each of the new mayors will take the reins in early January and will begin the task of running their city. Each will be working with Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook regularly as the county's highest elected official, and

each has their own set of specific plans and goals for their city.

Mayor-elect Larry Davidson, who won his race by three votes, said his first order of business once the swearing-in ceremony is complete, is to make his presence known. "My first order of business is going to let the people of Livingston know we are open for

business," said Davidson.

"I plan to advertise in different ways and get the word out to let everyone know that the City of Livingston will hear their voice and we will be here for them." Davidson has said he intends to be completely accessible and transparent to every Livingston resident and invites citizens to attend every city commission

meeting.

Davidson also owns and operates the Rockcastle Outdoor Company in Livingston.

In Mount Vernon, **Mayor-elect Tim "Duck" Roberts** says his first action will be to communicate with the city staff. "I am going to sit and talk with everyone that works at City Hall and find out their

view about what needs are most important," he said. "Things are running smoothly and the people who have been there know what works and what doesn't and they know the needs as well as anyone."

Roberts said he plans to be in the office full time at least one day per week and then "in and out the rest of the week," depending upon what is happening in the city.

Brodhead **Mayor-elect Jerry Adams** said he believes the City of Brodhead is also running smoothly. "I have nothing negative to say about anyone in Brodhead," he said. "Things are moving forward very well and when Walter (Cash) announced he wasn't going to run again, a lot of people asked me to run for mayor. So I intend to pick up right where he left off and keep everything moving forward in the future."

Adams will replace Mayor Walter Cash who served as Mayor for 24 years and some say may be the oldest mayor in Kentucky.

The City Of Brodhead holds their regular monthly City Commission meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in city hall.

The Livingston City Commission meeting is the same night of the month but begins at 6 p.m. in city hall.

The Mount Vernon City Council meeting is held every third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in city hall.

All three new mayors say that citizens should attend the meetings concerning their city and play a part in the growth and development of each town.

Replaces outdated items

BFD gets much needed new equipment

By: Mike French
Editor

Christmas came early for firefighters in the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department (BFD) as badly needed equipment has finally been purchased.

The department has become known as proficient throughout the state in several areas of rescue work, including search

and rescue and technical rescue techniques, such as swift water rescue. Through massive training efforts and constant study of the subject, Brodhead volunteers have become well versed in swift water rescue and rope rescue.

However, such special techniques require special equipment and all equipment has a lifespan.

"Some of the technical equipment we use for rope and water rescues have a 10-year life according to manufacturers and fire department standards," said Assistant Chief Brian Bullock. "Unfortunately some of our equipment was 12 years old. It needed replaced."

However, the department's biggest

fund raiser, the Little World's Fair, was cancelled in 2021 due to COVID and that is where the department raises money for equipment. So, the purchases had to be put off until the money was available, Bullock said. But this year's fair was once again a huge success.

The department made the \$10,000 purchase of

the new equipment recently. "This was a \$10,000 investment into our rope and swift water rescue capabilities," Bullock said. "Having the proper equipment is essential to perform this kind of technical rescue and saving lives is priceless."

The equipment replaces the old equipment and will allow trained firefighters better, more modern equipment to rescue those in need in the area, according to Bullock.

In fact, other departments may also utilize the Brodhead rescue teams if needed. "This equipment is utilized throughout Rockcastle County and in other areas if they request our assistance," said Bullock.

There are currently 21 rope rescue technicians and 14 swift water rescue technicians trained at the BFD and Bullock said those numbers continue to grow.

The equipment has been delivered to the department and officials say the new equipment will make search and rescue safer for all involved. Training with the new equipment was held last week.

Loudermilk graduates KSP academy

By: Mike French
Editor

Governor Andy Beshear, and the Kentucky State Police, have announced that 38 cadets have graduated the agency's training academy and are now ready to report for duty across the Commonwealth, with a focus on creating a better

and safer Kentucky, according to a KSP press release this week.

Among the graduates are Zachary Loudermilk of Mount Vernon who has been assigned to Dry Ridge post 6.

Loudermilk is the son of State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk, who works out of London Post

11 and Kelli Loudermilk of Richmond.

Cadets reported to the KSP training academy on June 5 to embark on the 24 weeks of intense training. The graduates pledge to uphold the mission of KSP by promoting public safety through service, integrity and professionalism, using partnerships

to prevent, reduce and deter crime and the fear of crime, enhance highway safety through education and enforcement, safeguard property and protect individual rights.

KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett, Jr. encouraged all cadets to engage in their community. "I challenge each of you to interact frequently with those in your designated post area," he said. "Attend community events, stop by local stores, visit the schools, and so much more to earn the trust and respect of those you serve. Today you have earned the title of 'Kentucky State Trooper' and now you must live up to that respected title."

Livingston provides countless Thanksgiving meals to local residents

By: Mike French
Editor

Officials of the City of Livingston are saying "goodbye" with a giving hand in their last two months in office. Mayor Dwane King lost his bid for re-election as Mayor by three votes but he and his staff are spending their last days in their official capacity serving the citizens of Livingston.

King will remain mayor until January but this past weekend, and once again in December, King is spending his last two months giving back to the community, he says.

This weekend, King and some family members along with City Clerk Amanda Thomas, prepared \$500 worth of turkey and vegetables and dressing and other dishes, and held the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the entire community Saturday night.

The free meals also included countless dishes brought by local residents who helped prepare the dinner so that all

Livingston citizens could be assured of a warm Thanksgiving Dinner. Dozens of local residents left the event with full stomachs.

And, for those who could not get to the school cafeteria due to illness, age or a handicap, volunteers wrapped hot meals and took them to the home of anyone who asked.

Then in December, King and his staff will offer a similar event as part of the city's Christmas celebration. The December event will not include the hot meal but will include toys for children and Santa will be available to meet everyone. There will also be the annual Christmas Parade and cookies and hot cocoa for anyone feeling the chill of the December air.

"This is just a way that we like to give back to our community," said King. "I am thankful for my time as Mayor of Livingston and I consider it a privilege to have served our community. We get such a blessing watching the

children get their toys and meet Santa and we love making sure our people had a good, hot Thanksgiving meal. That's what it's all about. I wish all the best for our community in the years to come."

Signal office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th & 25th

Bid Notice

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is now accepting bids for 2 - 3/4 Ton or 1 Ton, 4x4 pickup work edition truck in a Ford, Chevy, or GMC model. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the words "Sealed Truck Bid" printed on the outside and arrive at the County Judge Executive's Office by 12 noon on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. All bids will be opened at the Fiscal Court Meeting in the 3rd floor conference room of the Rockcastle County Courthouse 205 East Main Street Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 at 4:00 p.m. on December 13, 2022.

For questions please contact the County Judge's office at 606-256-2856.

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 12/22

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 2/16/23

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621 South Upper River Rod. 15(22)x51

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJI Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22pd)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35(21)x50p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tn

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tn

Notices

Public Notice: I, William A. Leger, an attorney in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association, have been appointed Warning Order Attorney for **JANIE EDINGTON**. As such, I am tasked with notifying her of the filing of a petition against her in Rockcastle Circuit Court. I request that the person identified above, or any person with knowledge about the identity, whereabouts or existence of the above named individual, contact me on or before the first day of December, 2022. I am required to report my findings as to the existence and whereabouts of the individual identified herein and any defense they may have to the petition. I can be reached by mail at PO. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 or by telephone at 606-256-2728. 41x1

Notice is hereby given that Doug Ponder, 1330 Lambert Rd., Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Lucille Ponder, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Doug Ponder or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 40x3

Notice is hereby given that Tammy Jamison, P.O. Box 1131, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of David Thomas Jamison, Jr. on the 14th day of November, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Tammy Jamison or to Hon. Heidi Weatherly, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 41x3

Notice is hereby given that Sherry G. Hansel, 60 Parsons St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Edith Elaine Hansel on the 14th day of November 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sherry G. Hansel or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Kimberly G. Baldwin, 3576 Poplar Grove Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 and Susan Debord, 194 John Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Lester Cottrel, deceased, on the 14th day of November, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Kimberly G. Baldwin or Susan Debord or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 41x23

Notice is hereby given that Kenneth Wayne Carter, 479 Carter Ridge Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Kenneth Carter, deceased,

on the 14th day of November, 2022. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Kenneth Wayne Carter or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 41x3

Notice is hereby given that Martha Cox, P.O. Box 1883, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Vall Mink, 304 Green Briar Rd., Lexington, Ky. 40503 have been appointed Executors, with will attached, of the Estate of Roy Mink on the 21st day of November, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Martha Cox or Vall Mink or to Bobby Amburgey, P.O. Box 3118, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 22, 2023. 42x3

Notice is hereby given

that Rebecca Ordenez, 570 James Howard Road, Eubank, Ky. 42567 has been appointed executrix of the Estate of Danny D. Stevens, deceased, on the 21st day of November 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rebecca Ordenez or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 41x3

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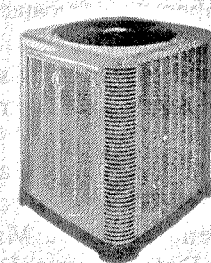
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The Mount Vernon Lions Club recently presented the Roundstone Family Resource Center with a donation of food items for the backpack program. Helping with food insecurity is one of the club President's initiatives for 2022-23. Shown here are Judith Smith, Club treasurer, and Melinda Osborne, Family and Youth Services Director at Roundstone Elementary.

Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
Giving Thanks

Nearly four centuries ago, a group of English men and women celebrated their first successful harvest in a new world with the Native Americans who played a significant role in making it possible. Just a year before, the Pilgrims set sail from England, enduring a treacherous voyage across the ocean to build a new home. They came to America with few resources - courage and faith. Those principles are woven into the very fabric of our great nation today. Their perseverance through unimaginably trying times allows us the freedoms we enjoy today. We must keep the spirit

of giving thanks that the Pilgrims had in 1620 in our hearts today. As we gather together with our families in our homes this year, it is important we take the time to reflect and give thanks for our



many blessings we have received over the past year. Perhaps no day invites as much personal reflection as Thanksgiving does. This year in the face of hardships like soaring gas prices, inflation surging, and record crime rates, we have seen the incredible resilience of the American spirit. Despite this tumultuous sea of challenges, Kentuckians stood tall. We are still truly blessed.

This Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the pioneers and patriots that have come before us. We are eternally grateful for our military for defending our great country, and their acts of heroism and sacrifice that keep us safe at night. We also thank our neighbors who serve fellow Kentuckians in need of a helping hand, and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect our communities.

Among the things I am thankful for are the men and women of this district who entrust me to represent the values and priorities in Frankfort. I am honored to represent our community and ever so thankful for the input on topics we are considering, even if we have differing opinions. Kentucky, like America, is filled with people from all backgrounds and reli-

gions. We share the same home, the same heart, and we are bound together by what makes the Commonwealth our home.

The state legislature is committed to Kentucky and to building a path to a better life for Kentuckians. Over the past year, we saw the policies we enacted result in some of the largest economic development projects in Kentucky's history, we passed legislation that will leave money in the pockets of those who earned by taking the first steps towards eliminating our individual income tax, and we invested record dollars in infrastructure improvements like high speed internet expansion, upgrading aging and inadequate water lines, and building and maintaining roads.

The best thing about all of this is that we are only getting started. As I look back on this past year, I am filled, as I hope you are, with a profound sense of gratitude for what Kentucky has accomplished. I would once again like to wish you and your cherished loved ones the very best Thanksgiving together. Thank you, and God bless you.

As always, I hope you will feel free to contact me with any questions or issues. I can be reached here at home anytime or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Please feel free to email me at Josh.Bray@LRC.KY.GOV. If you would like more information about interim committees or legislative actions, you can visit the Legislative Research Commission website at legislature.ky.gov.

Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm
State Senator
Thanksgiving Day
Column

As the 2022 Interim draws to a close, the Kentucky General Assembly is preparing for the upcoming 2023 Regular Session, a short, 30-day session scheduled to begin Tuesday, January 3.

Fortunately, election season is in the rearview mirror and your attention is likely now fully on what makes the holiday season so special — family, friends and the people who make our local communities so special. Each Thanksgiving, I enjoy being home in my district, hearing from constituents, and creating memories with those I love.

In the spirit of the season of giving, let's re-

member those most in need as we prepare our Thanksgiving meals. Consider reaching out to a community food bank or other organization to help feed the hungry, especially during cold fall and winter months. As Americans and Kentucky residents, we have so much to be thankful for, and volunteering time and resources can make an incredible difference in our less fortunate neighbors' lives.

Remember our service members, many of whom will be apart from their families this Thanksgiving, as they are away serving our country. The unique freedoms we enjoy in the United States are because of their sacrifices.

This time of year also

presents an excellent opportunity to support local businesses. Please consider your locally-owned stores as you check gifts off your list — small businesses remain the heartbeat of our economy.

With the upcoming Session quickly approaching, I am incredibly proud of the Republican-led legislature and the many successes we have had over the last several years. We in the Senate majority are pleased to welcome new members to our caucus. They are:

Senator-Elect Lindsay Tichenor, Senate District 6

Senator-Elect Gary Boswell, Senate District 8

Senator-Elect Matthew Deneen, Senate District 10

Senator-Elect Amanda Mays Bledsoe, Senate District 12

Senator-Elect Gex "Jay" Williams, Senate District 20

Senator-Elect Shelley Funke Frommeyer, Senate District 24

As we look forward to the 2023 Regular Session, I welcome your thoughts, questions, and concerns. Please reach out to my office at Brandon.Storm@lrc.ky.gov. It is an honor to represent you in Frankfort.

Whether it is with food, football, or family, or a combination of all of these, have a blessed Thanksgiving. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalms 107:1 (KJV)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of Big Orchard RD (CR-1371), and;

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of Big Orchard RD (CR-1371) and;

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:

To End County Maintenance at 2,430 ft. off Chestnut Grove Road

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of Big Orchard RD (CR-1371) proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: December 13, 2022

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

A copy of this Notice shall be posted at the Courthouse, in the vicinity of the roadway affected, and published two (2) times in the Mount Vernon Signal.

This the 8th day of November, 2022.

/s/ Howell Holbrook
Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

/s/ Vickie Miller
Fiscal Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of Grayhawk Rd (CR-1745), and;

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of Grayhawk Rd (CR-1745) and;

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:

To End County Maintenance at 1,130 ft. off Hwy. 1326 Old Brodhead Road

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of Grayhawk Rd (CR-1745) proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

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